

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 26, 2013

The Honorable Peter M. Rogoff
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Rogoff:

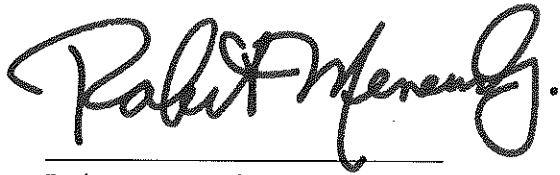
As you and the Federal Transit Administration continue to implement the transit provisions included in Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), we write to request an update on the status of the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Pilot Program enacted as Section 20005(b) of this legislation. This program will provide comprehensive planning assistance to communities developing new transit infrastructure, and we urge the FTA to move expeditiously to release a Notice of Funding Availability for this important program.

The goals of the TOD Planning Pilot Program include stimulating mixed-use development in transit station areas to generate strong, reliable ridership; creating multi-modal and accessible transportation connections; and promoting long-term economic growth. This program has great potential to support communities in thoughtfully planning and strategically executing TOD as they develop new transit projects. By establishing this partnership between the federal government and communities, we can ensure that federal investments are being used to effectively support economic development and improve the livability of our communities.

We appreciate all that your agency has done to implement MAP-21's changes to the federal transit program. We are concerned, however, that unless the funds for this program are made available quickly, Congress will have difficulty evaluating this pilot program before the reauthorization of MAP-21.

We therefore request that you place a high priority on implementing this program, and ask that you provide us with an update on FTA's plans for issuing a Notice of Funding Availability. We hope FTA is also exploring other means to support TOD such as providing technical assistance to communities and other transportation stakeholders.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
United States Senator



Charles Schumer
United States Senator



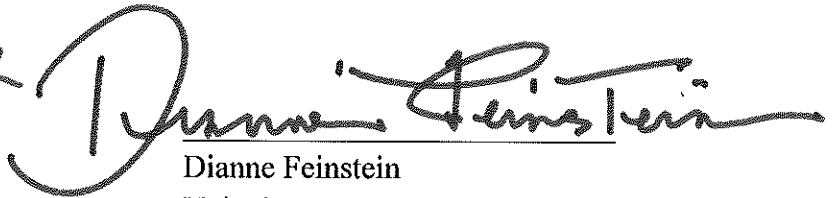
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